

REMARKS

Remark 1:

Applicant has submitted SECOND REPLACEMENT SHEET(s) 9/10 and 10/10 herewith.

Applicant submits the amendments to the DRAWINGS render the Application allowable.

Remark 2:

Applicant submits that amendments to the CLAIMS render the Application allowable.

In particular, the amendments to Claim 1 overcome the rejections based on 35 USC Section 112. Applicant confirms that the scope of the claim include the combination of the compartment, lid and pool. The amendments further correct any grammatical errors previously found in paragraph (b) of Claim 1.

The amendments to Claim 2 clarify the scope thereof, consistent with the scope of Claim 1.

The amendments to Claim 3 render the claim compliant with the enablement requirement of 35 USC Section 112. As will be appreciated by Examiner, the amendments to Claim 3 adequately claim the location and purposes of the L-shaped brackets which couple the modular lid sections together.

New Claim 6 further distinctly claims the subject matter which Applicant regards as his invention. In particular, the modular lid sections can be rigidly bolted together, thereby creating an overall, rigid, non-deforming composite beam-type structure for serving as a lid portion for an underwater enclosure.

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Remark 3:

Applicant hereby requests Examiner withdraw Conterno as prior art under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(a). Applicant has amended independent Claim 4 in order to overcome the rejections to Claims 4 and 5 based on prior art. The hinge element is a necessary and integral part of the pivoting edge. The hinge fixes the lid section to a rigid portion of the underwater enclosure. Conterno fails to teach of a hinged, pivoting edge. In fact, Conterno is not even directed to underwater enclosures.

Remark 4: (NO NEW MATTER)

Applicant submits that the corrections presented herein present no new matter. All of the devices, systems, methods and/or compositions claimed herein are taught in the Drawings, Specification, Claims and Abstract and other portions of the Application as originally filed.

Remark 5: (REQUEST FOR TELEPHONIC OR IN-PERSON EXAMINER'S INTERVIEW)

Applicant hereby invites and requests the Examiner to attempt to resolve any further defects, deficiencies, errors or other grounds of rejection or objection to the present application, either on a formal or informal basis, by Telephonic or In-Person Examiner's Interview under 37 CFR 1.133 (see also MPEP 713.01 et seq.). Attorney for Applicant(s) can be reached from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Monday-Friday at telephone number 650-348-1444 or by fax to (650) 348-8655 or by e-mail at RKS@ATTYCUBED.COM.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that for all the foregoing reasons, the claimed subject matter describes patentable invention. Furthermore, Applicant submits that the specification is adequate and that the claims are in a condition for allowance. No new matter has been entered.

Applicant hereby respectfully requests Examiner to enter these amendments, find them descriptive of useful, novel and non-obvious subject matter, and authorize the issuance of a utility patent for the truly meritorious, deserving invention disclosed and claimed herein.

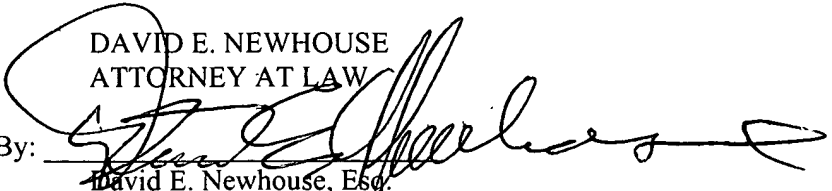
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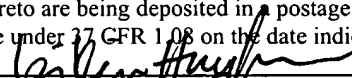
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